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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

A statement of reasons for allowance was set forth in the Notice of Allowance mailed on May 11, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application.

While the Applicant agrees that the pending claims are allowable for at least the reasons set forth in the Examiner's statement, the Applicant submits that the invention as recited by the claims and as described in the present application may be patentable over the art of record for reasons in addition to those listed in the Examiner's statement. The Applicant notes that the language of the claims as allowed defines the invention and the language in the Examiner's statement should not be construed as limiting the claims in any manner. Moreover, the claims contain recitations in addition to those stated by the Examiner that provide additional bases for patentability over the art of record. Accordingly, the Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims of different scope than those in the present application. For example, such claims may not necessarily need to include the elements identified in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the present application.

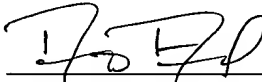
The Applicant additionally notes that although the Examiner indicated on the Notice of Allowance that the drawing filed with the Amendment on December 29, 2003, is acceptable, the drawing filed with the Amendment on April 4, 2005, replaced the drawing filed on December 29, 2003. Accordingly, the patent as issued should include the drawing filed with the Amendment on April 4, 2005.

This statement commenting on the reasons for allowance is timely submitted.

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